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In re application of:

ADNAN SHENNIB et al.

Application No.: 09/199,669

Filed: November 25, 1998

For: Semi-Permanent Canal Sizer
For Extended-Wear Hearing

Confirmation No. 3957

Examiner: Harvey, Dionne

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004, the period of response having been extended three months by the accompanying petition and fee authorization. It is believed that no other fees are due with this response; however, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No 20-1430.

In response to the Office Action please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.